

## *Curriculum Vitae*

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### *Positions*

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I am currently the *Bartley J. Madden Chair in Economics at the Mercatus Center* and Professor of Economics at George Mason University.

2018-current: Advisor, The Indian School of Public Policy (ISPP)  
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2012-current: Co-founder, *Marginal Revolution University*  
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## **Working Papers/Research in Progress**

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Goldschlag, N. and A. Tabarrok. Patents Lawsuits and R&D Investment.

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## **Op-eds and Selected Other Publications**

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I was a featured speaker at the 2009 TED conference in a talk that has been watched hundreds of thousands of times.

[http://www.ted.com/talks/lang/eng/alex\\_tabarrok\\_foresees\\_economic\\_growth.html](http://www.ted.com/talks/lang/eng/alex_tabarrok_foresees_economic_growth.html)

I write regularly at [MarginalRevolution.com](http://MarginalRevolution.com), one of the most widely read blogs on the web and recommended as one of the five best economics sites by the *Wall Street Journal*.

I have published many op-eds and short articles in newspapers and magazines including in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education* and elsewhere. A short selection of these follows.

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### **Academic Honors, Editorships, Recent Refereeing, and Fellowships**

- Advisor: Institute for Competitive Governance
- Bartley J. Madden Chair in Economics at the Mercatus Center
- Editorial Board: *Constitutional Political Economy*

- Associate Editor: *The International Review of Law and Economics*
- Assistant Editor: *The Independent Review*
- Presidential Nominating Committee: *The Southern Economic Association*
- Advisor: LifeSharers: Organ Donor Network
- Advisory Board: *The Dialectics: Journal of Leadership, Politics, and Society*
- George A. and Frances Ball Foundation Research Fellowship (1996).
- Resident Scholar (summer, 1995), Social Philosophy and Policy Center, Bowling Green State University
- Earhart Foundation, Researcher Award, 1994-95.
- Snively Award, Best Graduate Student: Department of Economics, George Mason University, 1994.
- Recent Referring for *American Economic Review*, *Public Choice*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Law and Economics*, *Journal of Legal Studies*, *American Law and Economics Review*, *National Science Foundation*.

## Teaching Experience

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### Courses Taught

Law and Economics  
Finance

Intermediate Microeconomics  
History of Economic Thought  
Econometrics  
Development Economics

Public Choice  
Industrial Organization  
Principles of Economics  
Empirical Law and Economics  
Principles of Microeconomics

Capable of teaching a variety of other courses including standard micro courses at the undergraduate or graduate level as well as courses such as Game Theory, The Theory of Voting and Social Choice, Empirical Research Design/Labor Econometrics etc.

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Director, Center for Study of Public Choice

Chair of the Senior Hiring Committee, 2012  
Southern Economic Association, Presidential Nominating Committee  
Keynote speaker for the GMU Mid-Atlantic United Nations, 2011  
Public Choice Outreach, 2011  
Served on the department hiring committee, 2005  
Chaired department hiring committee, 2006  
Served on the hiring committee for the department chair, 2008  
Ran Public Choice Seminar, 2003-2006  
Seminars for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute 2006, 2007, 2008  
Advisor to China 1-2-1 student thesis and attended the graduate ceremony for the 2008 students in Yunnan, China. (Also met in Beijing potential GMU students.)